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# THE NEWHALL PRESS



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

As I write this, summer is winding down. It seems like just yesterday we were beginning summer with our Vacation Bible School, a spelunking expedition to discover more about God's love. Then we launched into our summer series of first-person experiences featuring Jesus' parables. There were so many volunteers that I haven't needed to preach all summer. (I may be rusty come September!) Each sermon was a unique and wonderful exposition of Scripture with some clever (and sometimes hilarious) characters. "A Fly on the Wall". What a gifted and invested congregation we have!

And what a busy summer it's been. Our Buildings and Grounds Committee, led by Elders Don Trammell and Jim Combs has teamed up with our Boy Scout Troop 609 to accomplish a number of projects that individual boys took on to accomplish their Eagle Projects. We now have better lighting in the parking lot. We have new drought resistance plants in front. And we also have path-lighting to Fellowship Hall. Each of these projects was accomplished with detailed planning by our B&G committee, the Boy Scout Troop and parents, and your participation in the pancake breakfast and hot dog roast that helped to fund the projects.

As you know we combined our two Sunday services into one service for the summer. The feedback I've received has been very good regarding this experience. Not only did our two worshipping communities get to interact, but for 5 weeks we hosted a traditional style of worship, and then for 5 weeks we hosted a contemporary style with both our choir & organ in early summer, and our band (now named *EverThirst*) in later summer. **We will go back to two services on September 11, at 9:30 for traditional, and 11:15 for contemporary.** As our Elders reflected on the summer experience, two ideas came about. First, that it was a good experience to bring both services together for the summer. Second, that having our two worshipping congregations interact together (though worshiping separately), needed some more time between the services. After discussion we decided to encourage 2<sup>nd</sup> Service people to arrive early for worship and have coffee and fellowship with the first service congregation. As a result we will be delaying the second service for 15 minutes to allow time to mingle.

I am looking forward to our Fall season as we have wonderful Adult Education classes and an exciting schedule of opportunities for growth in our Christian experience.

In His Grip,

*Pastor Bill*

### September Events:

HOLLYWOOD BOWL

Sept 3

LIFE ACADEMY STARTS

Sept. 4

LABOR DAY (Church Office Closed)

Sept. 5

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS

Sept. 11 9:30 & 11:15 AM

WASH N WORSHIP

Sept. 18 9:30 & 11 15 AM

FAMILY CAMP AT SEA INFO. MEETING

Sept. 18 11:00 AM

NEW DIRECTIONS

Sept 21 1:30 pm

BOX CITY—FOR FAMILY PROMISE

Sept. 24

FAMILY CAMP AT SEA

Sept. 30 to Oct. 3

### Recurring Church Events:

BAND REHEARSAL

Thursdays 6:00 PM

BOOK BUDDIES

2nd Thursdays 4:00 PM

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays 7:30 PM

COMMUNION

1st Sundays 9:30 & 11:15 AM

HANDCRAFTERS

2nd & 4th Tues. 10:00 AM

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Last Tuesdays 6:30 PM

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 7:30 AM

MIDDAY BIBLE STUDY

Fridays 11:00 AM

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

4th Sundays 9:30 & 11:15 AM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

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RECYCLING (For Camp Scholarships)

1st Sunday of each quarter

RING TONES REHEARSAL

Sundays 2:00 PM

STANDING TOGETHER

2nd Wednesdays 7:00 PM

TGIF (Children's Program)

Fridays 6:00 PM (Starts Oct. 7)

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays 6:00 PM (Starts Sept. 25)

### FALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS SEPTEMBER 11TH

9:30 am—First Service (Traditional).

10:45 am—Fellowship time on the Patio, hosted by Deacons, for attendees of **both services**. (Coffee and treats will NOT be provided after 2nd Service.)

11:15 am—Second Service (Contemporary).

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## Leadership Meetings:

### ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

### BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

### CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM

### DEACONS

1st Mondays 7:00 PM

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

1st Thursdays 7:00 PM

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1st Fridays 8:00 AM

### SESSION

3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

4th Wednesdays

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Tuesdays 10:00 AM

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

1st Tuesdays 7:00 PM

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM

## Future Events:

### AMOR TRIP

Oct. 7-11

### FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

Oct. 9-16

### FALL YARD SALE

Oct. 21-22

### PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Oct. 22

### JOB'S DAUGHTERS PRESENTATION

Oct. 23

### LAO PARTNERS MISSION TRIP

Oct. 24-Nov. 11

### FALL FESTIVAL

Oct. 29

### SANBORN BENEFIT CONCERT

Nov. 6

### NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Nov. 6 & 13

### CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Dec. 11



The Church Life Committee promotes fellowship and fun activities for the church family by providing a variety of church, community, cultural and special events throughout the year.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS - OVER-80S

George Watts Sept. 3  
 Marion Redfern Sept. 23  
 Wanda Lewis Sept. 24



## LADIES NIGHT OUT

Last Tuesday of Every Month at 6:30 pm.  
 Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - Sabor / Oct 25<sup>th</sup> - Bongfish Grill  
 Won't you join us?



Sabor: 23953 Newhall Ranch Road



## HANDCRAFTERS



Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month (September 13 and 27), at 10am, people gather in the Evans Room to share their crafting skills, their interests, and their accomplishments. We are the *Handcrafters*, and everyone is welcome!

## BOOK BUDDIES

Book Buddies will discuss "The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street" by Susan Jane Gilman Thursday, September 8th at 4:00 p.m.

This is an entertaining read about Malka and her husband Albert setting off across America in an ice cream truck to seek their fortune.

Pam Trammell is our host-- 22254 Oxford Lane, Santa Clarita. RSVP for discussion and salad supper Pam - 661-607-4632.



# Church Family Camp at Sea INFORMATION MEETING

September 18<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**All who signed up for the cruise on 9/30-10/3 should attend this meeting to get important information about bus transportation to the ship, boarding documents, activi-**

## FALL YARD SALE—OCTOBER 21 & 22

Start collecting your slightly used treasures to donate to the Church's Fall Yard Sale. Let us know if you need items picked up. We will gladly arrange that! All proceeds are used to fund our Church Life Events and our Family Camp Fund.

This is hugely popular with our community! Many hands are needed to make it suc-



### Jethawks on a Saturday Night by Patrick Stokes



One Saturday night in August, okay... the 13<sup>th</sup> to be exact, 12 semi-hardcore Jethawks Baseball fans trekked 40 miles to Lancaster's beautiful Jethawks Stadium aka "The Hangar". The Jethawks are the minor League team for the Houston Astros. It was a warm summers evening, but at least our seats were right behind home plate and in the shade at game time. We grabbed our hot dogs, peanuts and drinks and at 6:05 we were settling in for what would be an exciting game of minor league baseball.

The Giants immediately jumped out to a 2 to nothing lead by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. The Jethawks, then scored 1 run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. The Jethawk bats finally came alive scoring 5 runs in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. They then added 2 runs in the 7<sup>th</sup> and then 8 more in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. After the dust had settled, the Jethawks were victorious. It was a 16 to 2 trouncing of the San Jose Giants. It was a beautiful evening and a great game. We all had a wonderful time and hope you can join us next time for Jethawks Baseball!!

### Tchaikovsky Spectacular by Patrick Stokes

We all met at 5:00 on Saturday August 8th in Fellowship Hall for a delicious "Winner" chicken dinner courtesy of Church Life. We chatted it up and at about 6:00 hopped in our cars and headed to the Hollywood Bowl Shuttle lot in North Hollywood, where we immediately boarded a shuttle bus which whisked us up to the main gate of the Hollywood Bowl.

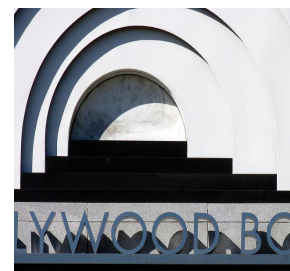
It was a warm clear evening . Twenty three of your fellow Presbyterians enjoyed a beautiful evening, good food and drink, and some glorious music together, under the stars in the Hollywood Hills. However, before the music started we had a little celebration of our own. One of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall's newest members **Maha Ankamp** had a birthday to celebrate, so we all sang Happy Birthday and presented a little cake for her to enjoy.

It was The Hollywood Bowl's annual **Tchaikovsky Spectacular**. This year the Hollywood Bowl Symphony was under the masterful baton of **Maestro Gustavo Dudamel**, Music Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. It is always wonderful to see him conduct!

Our seats were nice, just off center and about halfway back with a perfect view of the stage and screens. This, of course allowed a most delightful aural experience.

The music of Pyotr (Peter) Ilyich Tchaikovsky was the program for the evening. It started with *Capriccio Italien* (one of my personal favorites) and then we enjoyed selections from the Ballet, *Swan Lake*. We were graced with the dancing of four members of the American Ballet Theater dancing in front of the orchestra. After intermission we heard more selections from *Swan Lake* and enjoyed more of the gorgeous dancing. Then came the finale, one of Tchaikovsky's greatest compositions, *The 1812 Overture*. As the music grew we watched the USC Marching Band join the Hollywood Bowl Symphony on Stage. As we all know, the 1812 overture is famous for its glorious ending and it would not be complete without the Hollywood Bowl's wonderful display of pyrotechnics (fireworks). It all made for an ending to an evening that was to say the least, magnificent!

We hope you can join us next time for one of the Hollywood Bowls Summer Concerts. It is always a memorable program, and church life loves to make it happen!





The Outreach Committee is called by our Heavenly Father to extend the hospitality that we find in our fellowship to the community, to visitors, and to new members, in order to draw them into the family of Christian faith at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall.

## New Members Class coming this November

One of the distinctive characteristics of Christian faith is that it is shared...in community in the company of others. Paul described the church as "the Body of Christ". No one person is the whole body; each is a part. We need each other's gifts to complement our own. Membership means we are all necessary parts of the whole.

The next new members' class will be November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> with installation on November 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are not yet a member and want to be a part of this caring church family of faith or just have questions, please contact the Outreach Committee chairperson, John Favalessa (661) 755-4269 (email [favalessa@yahoo.com](mailto:favalessa@yahoo.com))

### Patio Fellowship Table by Lorraine King

Have you visited the Patio Fellowship Table lately? Yes, you can complete your nametag. But there are other items of interest at the Fellowship Table:

**Flower arrangements for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings:** Sign up for a particular Sunday to honor a birthday or anniversary or in honor/memory of a loved one(s). The list is reviewed by the church office (Bob Balkcom) every Sunday. He will contact you regarding the flowers. You can bring your own flowers or designate a dollar amount, and Bob will order the flowers for you. (Please reimburse the church for the dollar amount within the week and take the flowers with you after second service.)

**Adult Education Lending Library:** Books are displayed every Sunday with a sign-out sheet. There is no charge, and no deadline in returning the book you've selected. Peruse the book selection as it changes every few weeks.

**Sign-up Lists for New Member Classes and Senior Lunches:** There are notifications in the newsletter and the bulletin for these events. Stop by and sign up at the Fellowship table.

**Names Tags:** Folks often say that "everyone knows me," and they don't need to complete a name tag. In reality, not everyone knows you (including those manning the table). Name tags are for other folks to call you by name, put a name with a face, and the opportunity to chat and get to know you. Red tags are for first-time attendees so those of us who attend church on a regular basis can greet the newcomers. First-time visitors also receive a "welcome bag" with information about the church and the past year's Lenten Devotional.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday mornings!



The Children's Ministry Committee at First Presbyterian Church will invite children to EMBRACE the Word of God through worship, games, songs, and other activities; ENCOURAGE their spiritual growth to become closer to our Lord, Jesus Christ; and EQUIP them to go out into the world and share God's love.

Hey there parents,

Here is an overlook of things that will be happening soon in our Children's Ministry:

**October 7- TGIF Starts up-** Join us for fun, food, and fellowship in Fellowship Hall with Ms. Sarah and the TGIF volunteers. This is an activity that's on-going through December for potty-trained pre-ks through 6th graders. We sing songs, dance, play crazy games and have Bible study after we eat dinner all together. The cost is a one time \$35.00 per participant and \$4.00 per student for dinner each Friday night. Join us, and refer a friend to get a percentage off your registration cost!

**October 22- Parents Night Out!** This is a camp fundraiser for our youth group. We will have a Saturday night where we will take over church! Drop off is at 5:00 pm and pick up isn't until 11:00 pm, though parents can drop off and pick up children any time during those hours. The cost is \$25.00 per child or \$50.00 per family. Go out and have a good time, We will have dinner, watch movies, and play games with the big kids! It is going to be a really fun night for EVERYONE!

**October 29- FALL FESTIVAL-** From 5:30 to 8:00 pm we will be having scary snacks, a themed Bible study and a Trunk or Treat! Everyone is welcome to participate. We encourage you to invite friends outside of the church to join us in a fantastic night of spooky fun! Trunk or treat will be hosted by anyone who would like to join us from church! Trunk set-up will begin at 6:30. Students will start to Trunk or Treat at 7:30. There will also be snacks and cider at the Deacon's patio table for all those who provide trunks. Please join us for a night of FUN!!!!!!



The [Worship and Music Committee](#) will strive with God's guidance and grace, to create Christ-centered worship experiences, inspiring God's people as they respond to the Word proclaimed in prayer, glorious music, scripture, sacrament and message.

## **First Person Parable Series** by Sonja Tweedie

Amazing! Beautiful! Sensitive! Heartwarming! Thought Provoking!

If you have missed these first person parable sermons this summer, please take time to listen to them on our website. ([www.presby-newhall.org](http://www.presby-newhall.org)) These sermons have been a wonderful learning experience and, hopefully, most of us have grown from what these parables of Jesus have meant through the eyes and hearts of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Parables were confusing to the people of Jesus' day and they remain so with us still today. In the book [How To Read the Bible for All Its Worth](#), Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart share ways we can glean the clearest understanding of parables. The story parables function as a means of "calling forth a response on the part of the hearer - to bring them up short about their own actions." Many of the parables centered on the conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees (which I call 'Love vs Law') while many others were about the Kingdom and what it will be/is like. These parables call for us to respond to Jesus' invitation and call to discipleship. Jesus was teaching us how to live as He lived: to show mercy and love to all people.

Some presenters shared how the message of the parable had changed their lives and circumstances. This, of course, is what Jesus had intended the parables to do - to give His followers an example of how to live by caring, sharing, believing, seeing the value of life and loving their neighbors and their world.

I once wrote an article about [The Little Prince](#) where the fox so powerfully stated, "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." I believe the parables allow us to see rightly: the shepherd who had a heart for the one lost sheep, the Samaritan who understood the importance of helping someone in distress, the father who showed love and forgiveness to the son who had returned home after a life of sin and shame, the compassionate money lender who forgave both the large and small debt equally and Shane's "Sheep and Goats" message which reminded us of how important it is to care for others as Jesus did. (Thanks, Shane, for your wonderful humor!)

Jesus' many parables each have a message for us today. Thanks to our church family for sharing these parables so beautifully with us this summer.

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## **Friday Midday Bible Study**

A new beginning - - a new study! This fall our Friday Midday Bible Study will be examining the book of Hebrews, of which Origen said, "Only God knows who wrote Hebrews!" We do know that the author was writing to Jewish Christians who were being tempted to revert back to Judaism due to persecution and fear. The author was adamant to show that "Jesus is better," believing that Jesus was the culmination of God's revelation through the prophets. Hebrews begins, "In many ways and by many means, God spoke in ancient times to our ancestors through the prophets but in these last days, He spoke to us by His Son..."



If you would like to discover how so much of the OT shows God's plan for grace and salvation for all, please join us, both men and women, in an exciting discussion and discovery of the scriptures. We meet each Friday, beginning [September 9th](#), in the Evans Room from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you cannot be with us on a weekly basis, we



“The two most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.” – Mark Twain

The definition of “purpose” in its noun form is a reason for which something is done or created or for which something exists. The verb form definition is to have as one’s intention or objective. The two definitions are pretty much the same. I know there have been numerous times in my life when I have wondered what my true purpose is. What does God want me to do with my life? I still don’t know if I am doing what God wants me to do.

In the book, Big Bucks! How to Make Serious Money for Both You and Your Company by Ken Blanchard and Sheldon Bowles, the second test that Len must take is The Test of Purpose. He learns of this test from a woman named Roberta. The first thing she tells him is you can’t make money unless making money is more important than having fun. But how do you convert fun to making money?

Once you are having fun (the first test – The Test of Joy – was previously written about) you have to focus on making money. Unless you are putting yourself in a position to make money and making money is the top priority, it will not happen.

That is the difference between a hobby and a business. Important people enjoy their work and have fun but if that is the main purpose – having fun – the business will not be successful. The fun of making money must be more important than the fun of doing business. You must believe it totally and absolutely. First comes the fun of the business, and that is powerful. Then second is the money making and that is important. If money is first and fun second, you will never get the balance right.

The world is full of people looking for ways and schemes to make money. They have it backwards. If fun is not put first, they will never tap into their potential. Never underestimate how powerful and necessary fun is in providing the intensity and the commitment to succeed. Fun has to be first because it is what gives the drive to make money a real chance of success.

Joy is powerful because of the energy fun releases. And once fun is achieved, it has to be disciplined and directed. To be a big moneymaker, the energy has to be upfront. Fun is a time priority. Making money is a strategic priority.

You have to be willing to make tough decisions. Otherwise you will not ever be wealthy. You have to have focus. The biggest financial rewards come to those with a balanced life. You have to have something that motivates you. You have to be a peak performer, not a workaholic. Peak performers are able to shut the motor down and focus on things other than work. They lead better lives than workaholics and also are more productive. Workaholics burn out. Peak performers recharge. Peak performers schedule down time. You won’t find and achieve significance if you are a workaholic.

There is a difference between being obsessed and being focused. Workaholics become obsessed by their work. Peak performers stay focused on their goals – to become wealthy and have fun doing it.

What is your motivation? What is your purpose? Spend some time thinking about both and make sure it is fun and joyful for you. It is the only way to become wealthy and make bug bucks.

“The purposes of a person’s heart are deep waters, but one who has insight draws them out.” Proverbs 20:5

## Buildings & Grounds Committee



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is responsible for diligently maintaining and thoughtfully developing the buildings and grounds of the Church facility that the Lord has provided, so that we may carry out His Ministry.



### LANDSCAPING DAY DRAWS CROWD!

On August 8th a large group of Newhall Presbyterians of all ages and Boy Scouts from troop 609 gathered to continue work on the landscaping on the 8th Street corner of the front yard and in the back, including installing solar lights on the path from the church building to Fellowship Hall.

Thanks **Buildings and Grounds Committee** for all the wonderful projects that are beautifying our campus and giving us opportunities for productive fellowship.



# Little Shepherd's Nursery School

at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall



Little Shepherd's had a fun three weeks of Summer School in July, with lots of water play and giggles. Then during the school break we enjoyed preparing the classrooms for the start of the new school year. Thank you to Buildings and Grounds for sprucing up the play yard, and to Nelson Orellana for making those floors shine!

We are excited to introduce you to our newest staff member, Heather Roach.

Miss Heather is currently studying Early Childhood Education at College of the Canyons. She has a passion for horses and fitness. She is also a Little Shepherd's alumnus! She will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays in both Miss Susan's (room 3) and Miss Chris's (room 2) classrooms.

By the time you read this Little Shepherd's Nursery School will already be back in session for the 2016-2017 school year! When Miss JJ retired as Director at the end of last school year, Sharie Telles accepted the position as a Director/PreK Teacher. Also on staff are Dawn Maskell, Office Manager; Chris Ward, Teacher; Susan Wachter, Teacher; Karsyn Benedict, Assistant; and Heather Roach, Assistant. **Please keep the staff and the children in your thoughts and prayers as we begin another year of preschool, for which we are so thankful!**



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## WISDOM FROM PASTOR BILL

As I am writing this the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro are winding down. I found myself late at night binge - watching mostly Volleyball, but was also drawn into some Field Hockey, Badminton, Ping-Pong (table tennis), Gymnastics, Soccer, Basketball, Swimming, Diving and of course the Track and Field. One special feature even recreated the rougher conditions of the 1936 Berlin Olympics in which Jesse Owens famously put it in the face of Adolph Hitler. They recreated the sand of the course on which he ran and explained how much more spring and grip modern tracks have. They even recreated the shoes exactly like Jesse Owens wore. And then had a world class sprinter try to accomplish what Owens had achieved in those primitive conditions. He was unable to duplicate Owen's time. I still was amazed at the discipline, ability, and raw athleticism the competitors demonstrated.



I recently read that Vince Lombardi remains etched in the American psyche for one comment: "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing." He later regretted the way his remark seemed to spin out of control much like a viral tweet in today's virtual world. "I wish I'd never said the damn thing," he said shortly before his death. "I meant the effort... I meant having a goal... I sure as hell didn't need to crush human values."

Even if Lombardi had never made that comment, the idea that winning is the only worthy outcome of effort would still run deep in the human soul. We adore success. Accomplishments determine much of our sense of worth. "Climbing ladders" is a phrase we assign to *other* people - never ourselves, thank God! - who don't like to admit that ambition has gotten the best of them.

It would be one thing if only unbelievers were enthralled with success. But Christians also frequently fuel their lives with the pursuit of worldly success. Some voice inside of us tells us that faithful people are successful. In other words, keep a pious spirit central and God will grant you a successful life.

But failure and disappointment are the heart of Christianity, just as they are basic to Christian experience. Reinhold Niebuhr condemned those who tried to make a success story out of the cross. The tree on which a man of love was despised, abandoned, and left to die is anything but a success story. The influence of that cross on the apostle Paul's life caused him to speak of "finishing the race," rather than winning the race. In the church, we sing "crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave. "No one has yet been bold enough to suggest a rewrite: "crown him the big success..."

In Susan Howatch's novel *Ultimate Prizes* the sister of Archdeacon Neville Aysgarth scolds him for his empty chase of worldly success. "You and your prizes! The only prize worth winning is love - and just you remember that when you're a lonely old man trying to comfort yourself with your bank balance's fading memory!" Aysgarth later reflected on the sadness of sitting alone in his grand house. "I look around at all the mementos of my past, all my prizes, and I think: what a success I was!... But after a long while I begin to hear that silence, that long, long silence ... and I know with terrible certainty that the only prize worth chasing is the prize I've managed to lose." (I quoted Peter W. Marty (publisher) from August 3, 2016 Christian Century.)



The purpose of The Mission Committee, in order to further share the gospel of Jesus Christ, is to responsibly use the resources of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, wherever we find a neighbor in need. We are committed to meeting mission needs in our local community, across the nation, and globally, by sending money, food, clothing, volunteers, or whatever else is needed.

# prep

partnership for re-entry program

Catholic chaplain who explains PREP and offers an application to the inmate. The next step is either a prison visit or frequent correspondence with the coordinator. At this time a mentor begins to initiate a relationship with the inmate.

It is hoped that this becomes a lasting relationship as parolee and mentor journey together, always with a focus on recovery. Faith becomes an integral part of the time together, as both parties grow deeper in the realization that God is the source of love and life.

Upon release, the mentor accompanies the parolee to the many different places that need to be put in place: parole, DMV, general relief, social security, employment office, transportation... to name a few. In preparation for release, inmates participate in TURNING POINT, a program of self-help/self-development modules. These modules focus on areas of transition and recovery necessary for returning to community.

PREP has been successful in supporting parolees to re-enter society and become productive members of the community.

To become a mentor or for additional information regarding PREP, please contact: Sister Mary Sean Hodges, O.P. (213) 438-4820 ext. 23 Email [SrMSHodges@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:SrMSHodges@la-archdiocese.org)

During the Month of October, our church will be requesting donations to give to PREP (Partnership for re-entry program) Ministries. PREP's purpose is to give support to inmates in their focus and effort toward re-entering community. The relationship begins with contact with the

**Care package items for released Lifers  
We are grateful for whatever you can provide.  
Sister Mary Sean Hodges, Director**

- Laundry detergent
- Tooth paste
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Hand lotion
- Several razors
- Comb/brush
- Soap
- Candy
- Writing material/envelopes
- Stamps
- Address book
- Nail clippers

## Announcing our Family AMOR trip October 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>

How can we live out one of Christ's top passions - the caring for the poor? How do we change our "me-centered" mindset, to a "God-centered" and "others-centered" one? **Come build more hope on an Amor trip.** Amor ministries has been serving God by mobilizing His church to build hope for families in need. It began 36 years and 20,100 homes ago! See [www.amor.org](http://www.amor.org)



To a watching world it seems radical to spend your vacation time and money on a mission trip to Mexico - enjoying such amenities as camping out in the dirt, taking bag showers and working hard building a home alongside a Mexican family you don't even know yet. Yes it is a financial sacrifice, but that is what Christ followers do. And it's oh, so worth it...when you risk your comfort so you can be the ones who offer hope to those who have little or none.

Please join us this October. The cost is \$235 per person, which pays for all the building materials, food and gas, etc. We are also paying to have the slab poured by local labor to save our backs! Scholarships are available if needed. Even if you cannot come your prayers and any support are coveted.

**We will leave the church on Friday morning October 7th and return Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> arriving back at church in the afternoon.**

Contact John Favalessa at [amor@presby-newhall.org](mailto:amor@presby-newhall.org) or Art Moore for details. Sign-ups on the patio between services will start in September.





**LIVING WATERS MISSION TRIP TO LAOS, OCT. 24 TO NOV. 11, 2016, THE 15TH YEAR OF MISSION TRIPS TO LAOS BY LAO PARTNERS**

Five Lao Partners of University Presbyterian Church, Fresno will be joined by Jack Irwin, Art Moore and Scott Bullock of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. The Lao Partners' Team will work with the Lao Evangelical Church to visit all seven installations of the Living Waters "Clean Water System" that have been installed in prior years by Lao Partners to provide villages with clean water. We will check out the clean water systems for maintenance and repair and conduct advanced training for the local operators. We will also conduct hygiene education for community leaders at each village or site. We will also visit the village of Ban Houy Nam Youn near Vientiane to sample and test the water of the new well the village has installed, so that we can plan on installing a LWW system there in 2017.



Yod Keua, Xien Khouand, Laos  
November. 2015

Lao Partners is a mission founded through the University Pres. Church, Fresno in 2002. For 14 years Lao Partners has assisted the Lao Evangelical Church in ministering to the needs of the people of Laos. Projects have included computer centers, medical facilities, sports equipment and uniforms, equipment for schools, and seven clean water systems. In 2015 the Newhall Pres Church joined Lao Partners, when Jack Irwin and Art Moore joined the mission team. Laos is a developing country, which was a colony of France until independence in 1954. It was established as the People's Democratic Republic (PDR) of Laos in 1975. It suffered extensive warfare that spilled over from the Vietnam War. There are 6.6 million people of 143 identified ethnic groups, the most populous being Lao and Hmong. Official language is Lao (not much English spoken). Laos is landlocked by Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and China. 58% of the population is Buddhist, 35% ethnic religions and 3.5% Christian. Presently, the Christian churches are growing and ministering to the needs of all Laotians.

**Join the Team:** The cost for each team member is about \$2300, including international airfare from LA to Vientiane, and in-Laos travel, hotels, and meals. The cost also includes equipment and education supplies we will take with us or purchase in Vientiane. We are asking you to consider joining our team. We need prayer and financial support. The benefits are eternal. Below is a form you can use to indicate your support. The churches will send you a tax deductible receipt. We are encouraging you to support us financially through "Shares." We recommend that each share be \$25. You choose how many shares you want to give.

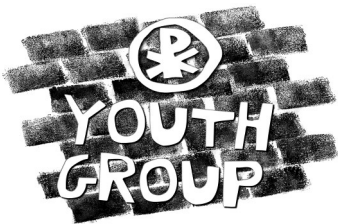
Yes, I will join the Team with Support and Prayers. (Please supply the following information and return, as directed below, with your check.)



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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of shares \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

I will pray \_\_\_ send me newsletters \_\_\_ send me daily updates from Laos \_\_\_

For Fresno participants—Make checks out to University Presbyterian Church, and give or send to the church at 1776 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno, CA 93710, noted for Lao Partners. For Art, Jack and Scott – Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, give to them, deliver to the church office or mail to the church at 24137 Newhall Ave, Newhall, CA 91321, noted for Laos Mission project.



The Youth Committee nurtures the Junior High and Senior High-aged youth as of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, and the community; by providing a Christ-centered program of worship, education, fellowship, and service in order to equip them with a framework in which they can realize their spiritual gifts and live a Christian life.

Hello, thank you to everyone who helped make our summer youth program a HUGE success. Here are some things happening in September.

**September 18, 2016** is going to be our church-wide fundraiser: **Wash N Worship**. This will be a car-wash during BOTH services. What we do as a youth group is wash EVERY car in the lot, in the hopes that we will receive a minimal donation to go towards our **camp scholarship budget**. In the past, Wash N Worship proceeds have gone towards our Mission trip project. This year the Youth Committee decided that our camp scholarship fund was in need of replenishing. Even if your son or daughter will not be attending camp for summer or winter, we ask ALL our students to participate. We feel it is important to serve our congregation, and one another. Our car-wash fundraiser is a way to do that. (Alternate parking will be provided for those who do not want their car washed!)

**September 24, 2016** is our **Box City, Family Promise** fundraiser. This is an overnight event that empowers our students to help raise funds and awareness for the homeless community here is SCV. We ask our students to collect funds from friends, neighbors, and teachers, (a minimum of \$100) and bring it to the event. Then the kids, along with an adult from the church, will sleep over-night in a decorated cardboard box in a community park. There will be music, raffles, and games happening throughout the night. This is a very fun event provided by our community for our church-supported Family Promise Ministry. We are still finding out the details of which park and the start time, but stay tuned; as we get those details we will send them your way.

**September 25, 2016** is **Youth Group Kick-off**. Youth group will continue to run every Sunday night from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Market Street house on the church property. We will play games, jam with our **NEW YOUTH BAND**, and have Bible studies together. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors in the age bracket of 7th grade to 12th grade.

Any questions, call or text Sarah Bolin 661-312-6318



The Adult Education Committee at First Presbyterian Church of Newhall encourages the congregation to mature in their Bible knowledge and practice of their Christian faith as disciples of Jesus Christ both personally and in community with other believers.

## LIFE ACADEMY – Fall, 2016

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS IMPORTANT SO WE KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING TO EACH CLASS. SOME CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED IF ENOUGH DO NOT SIGN UP.**

Pre-Registration will be on Sundays on the Patio August 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup>

### BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

**Faith Talk on the Patio—Sundays 1/2 hour before first service.**

Gather each Sunday with friends on the patio benches. Explore any questions you have about Christianity, the world, our church and your faith. It is a simple gathering at the benches for a half hour led by Roland Wrinkle. Bring your questions and explore the conundrums, questions and curiosities of faith.

**Bible Class—Sundays at 11 am to noon, in Fellowship Hall—Bible studies on great themes of Scripture**

Come and join our new Bible Study starting on September 11 led by Rebecca Cranert and others from the Adult Education Committee. Participant study guides will be sold for \$5 each. These are topical studies on great themes of the Bible. Each study is for six weeks.

**Grace and Gratitude** - September 11 - October 6 (Registration Aug. 21 and 29 and Sept. 4)

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** - October 23 - November 27 (Registration mid-October)

**Illuminating Advent** - December 4 - January 8 (Registration mid-November)

**Men's Evening Bible Study - Mondays—** continuing (contact Roland Wrinkle)

**The Gospel of John with Pastor Bill Barnes—Wednesday at 11 am to noon and the same class at 7 pm to 8 pm.**

\*Classes will be held from November 30<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> (4 weeks) (Registration early November)

\*Continuing January 11<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup> (6 weeks) (registration mid-December)

\*Any one of the above classes not having a minimum of 10 participants signed up will be cancelled.

**Men's Breakfast Bible Study—Thursdays 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.** at IHOP on Bouquet Canyon—continuing (contact Jim Combs)

**Friday Midday Bible Study at 11 am** in the Evans Room - studying the New Testament Book of Hebrews starting September 9 (men and women welcome) - continuing—(See article page 5)

### SATURDAY MORNING MINI RETREAT

**Saturday Morning, September 24 from 9 am to 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall, led by Scott Bullock, Jack Irwin, and Art Moore (Members of this Fall's Laos Mission Team)**

**Living Waters for the World**, a Presbyterian Mission, has been providing clean water systems around the world in response to the problem of people living without clean, sanitary drinking water. Lao Partners of Fresno has installed seven Living Water Systems in Laos, and this fall, Art Moore, Jack Irwin and Scott Bullock will be part of a team of 8 traveling to Laos on Oct. 24th and returning Nov. 11th. The Team will be traveling to seven villages where Lao Partners has installed Living Water's Clean Water Systems. They will conduct maintenance and advanced training with the local leaders who operate these water systems and provide hygiene training for the villages.

This seminar will educate you on Laos and the relationship of Lao Partners with the Lao Evangelical Church. You will learn how the LWW Clean Water system works. We will instruct you in the hygiene education that is part of every clean water system installation. Come and learn how you can be part of Jesus' ministry of offering a cup of clean water in His Name to those who have none.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 4 TO 5:15 P.M. – Fellowship Hall – Special Talks with Guest Speakers

**September 25 – Peace in Our World – Possible? International Peacemaker Rev. Luis Fernando Sanmiguel of Colombia**

Rev. Sanmiguel will be in our San Fernando Presbytery from September 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and will be presenting his program to our church on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. He serves as pastor for the Community of Hope Presbyterian Church in Colombia and has been engaged in peace work in strife-torn Colombia for 26 years. He has participated in peace talks between the Columbian government and guerilla groups. In Bogota he coordinates an interfaith movement called "Teusaquillo Territory of Peace."

All are invited to continue the conversation with Rev. Sanmiguel after the class at a no-host dinner at the nearby El Trocadero Restaurant.

**October 23 – How Did the Cosmos Begin and then Sustain Itself - with John Favalessa**

Church member John Favalessa has pursued a many-years fascination with the science of the Cosmos. Learn amazing facts about the origin of the Cosmos and how its development provided a unique and hospitable environment for life on the Earth. John will relate science theories and facts to the Christian belief in the Creator God, as revealed in the Holy Bible. You will learn how science and faith are not in conflict, as some would propound, but how they support each other.

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Presbyterian Women, as forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit ourselves: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the Church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.



## WHO IS JESUS? WHAT A DIFFERENCE A LENS MAKES

The 2016-17 PW/Horizons Bible Study is being used by the Lois, Lydia, and Mary Martha Circles of Presbyterian Women. The study author, Judy Siker, invites you on a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is - a journey of our hearts and minds. Each of the study's nine lessons explores the question "Who is Jesus?" through a particular lens. Who is Jesus ... according to Mark? ... according to Luke? ... according to John? ... according to Paul? ... according to Hebrews? ... according to the Abrahamic faiths? ... according to contemporary cultural interpretations?

All women are invited to join this journey! Circle contact information is below.

### Mission projects from Presbyterian Women of Newhall

1. **Help the Children - School Supplies:** It all started with Cyndi Signett who bought and donated 71 backpacks. From there the Presbytery Women of Newhall collected School supplies and donations. Beverly Stokes shopped for supplies to fill the 71 backpacks, which included; notebook paper, crayons, pencils, highlighters, colored pencils, rulers, glue, glue sticks, scissors, calculators, pencil boxes and erasers— enough school supplies to start the school year. Marilyn Tanner and Beverly Stokes filled the pack backs and took them to “Help the Children”. There were also enough supplies to donate a box of school supplies to a local school. Thank you for all the donations, and special thanks to the following. Cyndi Signett, Sarah Bolin from Vacation Bible School and Presbyterian Women of Newhall.



2. **Help the Children—Food Donations:** Thank you for your generous donations of food. In September we will focus on granola bars, fruit snacks, and other lunch box snacks. Please put your donations on the shelves in the Evans Room. PW appreciates your support in our mission.

3. **Picture Book Collection:** Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join in the collection of picture books for the literacy program of the Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church. It was discovered that there is a large number of indigenous agricultural workers from Mexico in the Santa Maria area who speak neither Spanish nor English. Picture books are being used with the young children to build literacy. Please place new or gently used picture books in the container provided in the Evans Room. Cash donations would also be appreciated.

### **PW CIRCLES—ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

**Elizabeth:** Barbara Irwin (296-4135) - Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Evans Room. Babysitting is provided.

**Lois:** Florence Craig (255-1389) - Meets second Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

**Lydia:** Cathy Johnson (263-7193) - Meets first Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Evans Room.

**Mary Martha:** Nancy Spigelman (254-0319) & Sam Spigelman (312-7111)- Meets second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in various homes.

**Rachel:** Tiffany Aune (478-2056) - Meets second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in various homes and shares a salad dinner.

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### **November 20 – The Great Jewish Celebration of Hanukkah –During December the Jews celebrate Hanukkah, a celebration of a miracle of the continuing burning of lights in the Temple of Jerusalem**

Cyril Gordon is a missionary at the Los Angeles branch of Jews for Jesus and will explain the significance of the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah historically and from the Apocryphal texts. Subtly, the cultural background of the Second Temple period will be developed, leading to the real miracle that happened in Bethlehem with the birth of the Messiah at that perfect time and season. The Christian will have a fresh experience of the incarnation of Christ.

Please note that Adult Education also provides a Lending Library on Sundays that you can access from the table where you get your name tags – just ask Lorraine King then sign out a book and return it when read.

Also, we provide free copies of “Presbyterian Today”, “Upper Room” (both regular and large print), and Bibles (regular and large print) on the table in the Narthex.

**ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Carol Cogley, Rebecca Cranert, Jack Irwin, Art Moore, Kirby Sechovec, Anne Watts (elder), and Roland Wrinkle

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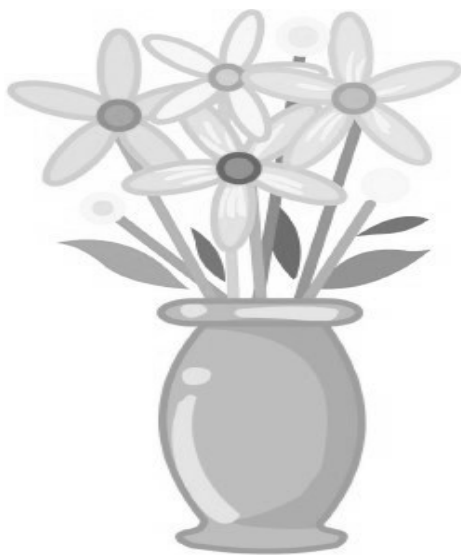
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Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.  
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